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Re: Docket No. E-00000J-13-0375

Commission's Inquiry into Potential Impacts to the Current Utility Model Resulting from Innovation and Technological Developments in Generation and Delivery of Energy (pertaining to closed Docket No. E-00000W-13-0135, Commission's Inquiry into Retail Electric

Competition)

Docket Supervisor,

The following response to the three questions asked by Commissioner Bob Burns in his letter of December 6, 2013 is provided on behalf of the member-elected Board of Directors of the member-owned non-profit Mohave Electric Cooperative, Incorporated ("MEC").

- 1. MEC expended no funds on any public relations campaign waged in an attempt to influence the Arizona Corporation Commission's decision related to its inquiry into retail electric competition and neither hired nor directed any lobbyist or organization to do so on its behalf.
- 2. MEC's salaried personnel spent no time on a public relations campaign to support the position(s) MEC expressed in response to the questions posed by the Commissioners or Commission Staff. MEC salaried personnel, as a part of their normal duties, did respond to questions from members/customers, the Commission, and others on the topic of retail electric competition. Such hours were not specifically tracked, but it is estimated MEC's salaried personnel spent less than a cumulative total of 40 hours explaining MEC's position on retail electric competition to others, excluding time expended in responding to questions posed by the Commission.
- 3. There are no MEC expenditures on a public relations campaign to recover from rate payers.

The issues and concerns expressed by MEC and other member-owned electric cooperatives in responses to questions posed by the Commission during its inquiry into retail electric competition were and remain real.



MEC appreciates the Commission's recognition of the need to provide swift and clear direction on the issue of retail electric competition and supports the Commission's decision to close the prior docket.

Please contact me if there is any question relating to the foregoing response.

Sincerely,

MOHAVE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED

J. Tyler Carlson

**Chief Executive Officer** 

cc: Board of Directors Legal counsel